

608.02(z) [R-2] Allowable Applications Needing Drawing Corrections or Corrected Drawings

If an application is being allowed, and corrected drawings have not been filed, form PTOL-37 provides an appropriate check box for requiring corrected drawings.

Allowable applications with * drawings that were indicated by the applicant to be informal should be turned in for counting and forwarding to the Publishing Division

without the drawings having been corrected. Examiners should not require new drawings merely because the applicant indicated that the drawings submitted on filing were informal. *>If at allowance, the examiner determines that correction is required, the< drawings requiring correction should be placed as the top papers in the center fold of the file wrapper >, if the application is maintained in paper. For Image File Wrapper (IFW) processing, see IFW Manual<. A proposed drawing correction, for example a drawing sheet with corrections marked in pencil, should be stapled to the right outside flap of the file wrapper over the area having the search information. Care should be taken to make certain that the corrections have been approved by the examiner. Such approval should be made by the examiner prior to counting the allowance of the application by writing "Approved," the examiner's initials or full name, and the date, on the front page of the proposed drawing corrections.

Extensions of time to provide acceptable drawings after the mailing of a notice of allowability are no longer permitted. ** If the Office of Publications receives drawings that cannot be scanned or are otherwise unacceptable for publication, the Office of Publication will mail a requirement for corrected drawings, giving applicant a shortened statutory period of two months (with no extensions of time permitted) to reply. The drawings will ordinarily not be returned to the examiner for corrections